

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
APRIL 8, 2014**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member David Prechtel	Absent

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. Two of the three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 25, 2014. Thereafter, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried 2-0.

CLAIMS

Board members reviewed the claims from March 7, 2014 through April 3, 2014. Thereafter, a motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Seitz read a proclamation in order to recognize April 8, 2014 as National Service Recognition Day.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Dan Beck, President of the Dubois County Veterans Council, asked to block off the square from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2014 for

the annual Memorial Day Service that will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the west side of the courthouse. He also asked permission to use the City Hall parking lot for firing squads to assemble beginning at 9:15 a.m. and have the park department place four sets of bleachers in the ceremonial area so spectators can sit. Beck was instructed to contact the park department about the use of bleachers. It was noted that last year the southeast corner of the Square was open to traffic.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit the Dubois County Veterans Council to have the Memorial Day service on May 24, 2014 and utilize the services from the City as requested. Motion carried 2-0.

2014 FARMERS MARKET

Joe Huddleston, representing the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association, asked to use the grassy area north of the train depot on Saturdays from May 24 thru October 4, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to noon for the Farmers Market.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the Farmers Market for 2014 from May 24th to October 4th from 7:00 a.m. to noon. Motion carried 2-0.

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT

Michelle Redden, representing the Relay for Life team known as Sassy Seusses, asked permission to use the basketball court at Bohnert Park on May 3, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a 3-on-3 basketball tourney fundraising event.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the 3-on-3 basketball tourney at Bohnert Park on May 3, 2014. Motion carried 2-0.

CLEAN SWEEP DAY

Rachel Levin with German American asked for support from the City of Jasper of their Clean Sweep Day project on May 17, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Nonprofit organizations in the community have an opportunity to earn some money if they help pick up trash in areas designated by the street department. This event enhances the adopt-a-street program. German American will provide trash bags and will pay an organization \$25.00 for each bag of trash collected up to \$300.00. Levin also said they will need a City trash truck parked at German American and someone from the City to educate the volunteers on what items not to pick up.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to adopt German American's Clean Sweep Day on May 17, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Motion carried 2-0.

OLD JASPER DAYS

Nancy Eckerle, representing the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, asked permission to use the river walk plaza on May 18, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Old Jasper Days. She mentioned some of the activities scheduled for that day such as carriage rides, a duck race, and a walking tour. This event is scheduled in conjunction with the Lions Club strawberry festival.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve Old Jasper Days on May 18, 2014. Motion carried 2-0.

SUMMER RIVERWALK CONCERT SERIES

Nancy Eckerle, representing the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, asked permission to use the gazebo and plaza area and waive the rental fee for the gazebo for the summer river walk concert series for 2014. Concerts, which are free to the public, are scheduled for June 14, July 12, and September 13 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. They would like to use the area from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to adopt the Jasper Chamber of Commerce concerts in the park on July 12, June 14, and September 13, 2014 and waive the rental fee for the gazebo. Motion carried 2-0.

PAPER SHREDDING DAY

Nancy Eckerle, representing the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, asked permission to use the train depot parking lot on October 17, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for paper shredding and electronics collection day. The event is open to residents and businesses.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve paper shredding and electronics collection day on October 17, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the train depot lot. Motion carried 2-0.

UPCOMING HTC EVENTS

Nancy Eckerle, representing the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, mentioned two HTC events that are scheduled. Pay-it-forward day will be held on April 24, 2014 and make-a-difference day will be on October 26, 2014.

CHURCH IN THE PARK/5K RUN

David King, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, asked permission to use Buehler Plaza and two shelter houses on June 1, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for their annual community church service. King said this event is open to the public and includes such things as a public worship service, free breakfast and lunch and various activities. King was reminded that if they have a tent be sure not to put holes in the asphalt.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit Fellowship Baptist Church to conduct their event at Buehler plaza on June 1, 2014. Motion carried 2-0.

David King, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, then asked permission to hold a 5K race on June 1, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. with the race beginning at 8:00 a.m. The route starts at the Buehler plaza and comes out of the parking lot and entrance to the plaza area near 4th Street, then west on 4th Street, north on Mill Street, east on 15th Street to the entrance of the river walk path, then travel on the path back to the plaza area.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit Fellowship Baptist Church to hold a 5K run from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on June 1, 2014. Motion carried 2-0.

PATOKA VALLEY AIDS WALK

Doreen Lechner, representing the Patoka Valley Aids Community Action Group and representing the VUJC Student Activities association, asked permission to use public property on April 26, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the Patoka Valley Aids Walk. The route begins at the VUJC Ruxer Center, travels west along College Avenue to Meridian Road, crosses Meridian Road to Bohnert Park, follows the walking path in Bohnert Park, and returns using the same route.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the Patoka Valley Aids Walk on April 26, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Motion carried 2-0.

LIGHTNING DAMAGE

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett said last week lightning hit the communications tower located by the water tower located near Newton and 17th Streets and took out the antenna. He said he got an estimate from Harmonic Electronics for \$1986.00 and an estimate from Advanced Radio Communications for \$2904.50 to repair the damage.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to have Harmonic Electronics make the repair to the antenna for \$1986.00. Motion carried 2-0.

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported that their repeater was also hit by lightning last week.

RADAR UNIT QUOTES

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett presented the following quotes for one radar unit:

Decatur Electronics	\$2210.00 G2S radar
Advanced Radio Communications	\$1872.00 Raptor RP-1
Advanced Radio Communications	\$1200.00 Python III FS
	with trade in of old unit

Bennett recommended accepting the quote for the Python III for \$1200.00.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to accept the quote for the Python III radar unit for \$1200.00 from Advanced Radio Communications. Motion carried 2-0.

GRANTS FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett said he wanted to publicly acknowledge two grants the City of Jasper police department received from the Dubois County Substance Abuse Council. One grant was for \$1,166.24 for the maintenance and phone line fees for the breath test instrument located at the police station. The other grant was for \$1,500.00 to pay for extra patrol to get impaired drivers off the road.

OLD STREET SIGNS

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said they need to dispose of 4990 pounds of old aluminum street signs. He asked permission to get a price from several dealers who will take the signs and then sell them to the one where he can get the best price.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to seek buyers for the scrap aluminum. Motion carried 2-0.

STATE SALT BID

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle asked permission to be included in the State of Indiana road salt bid program for this coming winter season. He would like to reserve 1600 tons. Eckerle said the City used 1750 tons this past winter which was the most we ever used.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to allow the street department to participate in the State's salt bid process. Motion carried 2-0.

COPIER

City Attorney Renee Kabrick asked permission to seek quotes for a new copier that will be used by the various departments located on the second floor of city hall and will replace the current copier that is about ten years old.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to allow the seeking of quotes for a copier to be used on the second floor of city hall. Motion carried 2-0.

SEED FORMER AUTOPLEX PROPERTY

Mayor Seitz asked for the approval of professional services by Knies Construction to prepare and seed the lot by the depot that was formerly the AutoPlex property for an amount not-to-exceed \$7,650.00.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said ROJAC purchased that property and is in the process of dedicating that lot to the City of Jasper.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the AutoPlex property from ROJAC upon the deed being reviewed by the city attorney. Motion carried 2-0.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to seed the lot after the land has been transferred to the City from an amount not-to-exceed \$7,650.00. Motion carried 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 2-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 22nd day of April, 2014.

Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer